



Water-Wise PLANTS

for LANDSCAPING on the NORTH OLYMPIC PENINSULA

The groundcovers, trees, and shrubs listed here are excellent choices for particularly dry sites. Native plants are the best bet because they evolved under local conditions along with the local fauna.

Fall is the ideal time for planting. Plants are going dormant, thus stress is minimal. The soil is still warm enough for roots to begin growing. And, fall rains provide water for good establishment.

For any new planting, mulch heavily and get new plants off to a healthy start to ensure good establishment. Well established plants are more capable of surviving without supplemental watering in subsequent years.

NATIVE GROUNDCOVERS		
Common Name	Botanical Name	Notes
Coastal Strawberry	<i>Fragaria chiloensis</i>	spreads rapidly by runners
Kinnikinnick	<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	evergreen for sun
Low Oregon Grape	<i>Mahonia nervosa</i>	evergreen, for shade or part sun
Salal	<i>Gaultheria shallon</i>	evergreen, prefers shade when young, mulch heavily
Sword Fern	<i>Polystichum munitum</i>	evergreen for shade or part sun
Twin Flower	<i>Linnaea borealis</i>	sparse evergreen for shade & lots of organic matter
Wild Ginger	<i>Asarum caudatum</i>	evergreen, prefers shade & lots of organic matter
NON-NATIVE GROUNDCOVERS		
Blue Fescue	<i>Festuca glauca</i>	short, clumping ornamental grass
Cotoneaster	<i>Cotoneaster spp.</i>	<i>dammeri</i> & <i>microphyllus</i> are excellent choices
Creeping Phlox	<i>Phlox subulata</i>	spring bloomer
Heath	<i>Erica spp.</i>	late winter bloomer
Heather	<i>Calluna spp.</i>	late summer bloomer
Hens & Chicks	<i>Sempervivum</i>	very drought-tolerant succulent
Juniper	<i>Juniperus spp.</i>	various prostrate species, evergreen
Lithodora	<i>Lithodora diffusa</i>	dark blue blossoms in spring & summer, evergreen
Ornamental Raspberry	<i>Rubus calycinoides</i>	rapid spreader, sun or shade
Ornamental Strawberry	<i>Fragaria spp.</i>	red or pink blossomed coastal strawberry hybrid
Sedums	<i>Sedum spp.</i>	very drought-tolerant succulents
Sun Rose	<i>Helianthemum nummularium</i>	spring & summer bloomer
Thyme	<i>Thymus spp.</i>	herbs and ornamentals



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TREES		
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Blue Elderberry	<i>Sambucus cerulea</i>	small tree or large shrub, NATIVE
Douglas Maple	<i>Acer glabrum var. douglasii</i>	small tree or large shrub, deciduous, NATIVE
Douglas Fir	<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	fast growing evergreen, NATIVE
Flowering Dogwood	<i>Cornus spp.</i>	Pacific is NATIVE, Kousa good nonnative choice
Garry Oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	deciduous, slow growing, NATIVE
Incense Cedar	<i>Calocedrus decurrens</i>	evergreen native to southern Oregon
Madrona	<i>Arbutus menziesii</i>	broadleaf evergreen, NATIVE
Pacific Wax Myrtle	<i>Myrica californica</i>	evergreen shrub/small tree, native to SW WA
Shore Pine	<i>Pinus contorta 'Contorta'</i>	evergreen, NATIVE
Vine Maple	<i>Acer circinatum</i>	small tree or large shrub, deciduous, NATIVE
SHRUBS		
California Lilac	<i>Ceanothus spp.</i>	evergreen with fragrant spring blossoms
Escallonia	<i>Escallonia exoniensis</i>	evergreen, susceptible to extreme cold
Evergreen Huckleberry	<i>Vaccinium ovatum</i>	evergreen for shade or part sun, NATIVE
Hazelnut	<i>Corylus cornuta</i>	large shrub or small tree, NATIVE
Indian Plum	<i>Oemleria cerasiformis</i>	first to leaf out in late winter, NATIVE
Juniper	<i>Juniperus spp.</i>	evergreen shrubs and small trees
Laurustinus	<i>Viburnum tinus 'Compacta'</i>	evergreen, susceptible to extreme cold
Lavender	<i>Lavandula spp.</i>	fragrant summer bloomer
Lilac	<i>Syringa vulgaris</i>	fragrant spring bloomer
Manzanita	<i>Arctostaphylos spp.</i>	evergreen, Hairy Manzanita is Native
Mockorange	<i>Philadelphus lewisii</i>	early summer bloomer, NATIVE
Nootka Rose	<i>Rosa nutkana</i>	vigorous thicket former for hedges, NATIVE
Oceanspray	<i>Holodiscus discolor</i>	early summer bloomer, NATIVE
Oregon Grape (Tall)	<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	thicket former, evergreen, NATIVE
Potentilla	<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>	summer bloomer, NATIVE
Snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	vigorous thicket former for hedges, NATIVE
Red-Flowering Currant	<i>Ribes sanguineum</i>	early spring bloomer, NATIVE
Rock Rose	<i>Cistus x purpureus</i>	may be damaged by extreme winter freezes
Rosemary	<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>	may be damaged by extreme winter freezes
Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	large shrub or small tree, NATIVE
Strawberry Tree (Compact)	<i>Arbutus unedo 'Compacta'</i>	evergreen similar to Madrona
Thimbleberry	<i>Rubus parviflorus</i>	thicket former, NATIVE